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Notice—Mrs. Case Allen.
"Roan Cloud"—Jas. Bailey.
Art Classes—Robt. Crocket.
Court of Revision—Wm. Campbell.
Farmers Attention—W. F. & A. Smith.
Court of Revision—J. H. Richards, Carlow.
Court of Revision—R. K. Miller, St. Helens.

TOWN TOPICS.

A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it."

Rees Price & Son have just received a carload of Horsetooth corn for seeding purposes. Call and see sample.

Now is a good time of the year to take outdoor views, Geo. Stewart will fill the bill anywhere on short notice. Try him.

A BAD MISS.—If you fail to see MacCormac's spring stock. Varied, elegant, durable and cheap. Be sure to examine and save money.

The Doherty and Thomas Organs, and the White and Wanzer C. Sewing Machines take the lead of all others. GEO. W. THOMSON, Agent, Goderich.

G. C. Robertson, Crabb's Block, has just received a large lot of Croquet Sets. Carpets taken up, cleaned and relaid. Great bargains given in all kinds of furniture.

Some are in favor of the waterworks, and some are opposed to them, but everyone will vote in favor of the fact that R. R. Sallows can take photographs equal to the best city style at ordinary town rates.

There are some who say don't discard your woolens until after the twenty-fourth, but no law is laid down for hanging on to your outer garments. F. & A. Pridham can suit you in good style and on short notice.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will meet regularly for the transaction of business every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in North-st. church. Every woman interested in the work is cordially invited to attend.

Goode's Black Cherry Cough Balsam is working wonders. Only 25c. Our own condition powders at 15 and 25c. per package are also giving great satisfaction. First class dispensing a speciality. N. C. Goode, Druggist, Albion Block.

Fix up your houses cheaply by going to Saunders & Son's, and buying your wall paper, mixed paints, kalsomine, picture and room moulding, decorated window shades. A fresh stock of everything used in house-cleaning at "The Cheapest House Under the Sun."

Acheson & Cox's very attractive stock of Dry Goods and Groceries is causing an increase in their business. They have just got a fresh shipment of Carpets this week, which is worthy the attention of housekeepers. They have adopted a cash discount of five per cent. on all purchases over one dollar.

THE HURON AND BRUCE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.—Depositors in this company have the best possible security for their money, all being invested in mortgage on farm property. Depositors have a first lien in all the company's assets. Rate of interest paid, from 4 to 5 per cent. according to amount and duration of deposit. Farmers having surplus means should call and see the manager.

Put on your venetian blinds.

Take off your double windows.

Bread 4 cents a loaf at Kincardine.

Rev. H. Wygle, is the guest of G. Cox.

Potatoes rank with the luxuries of life.

Clean your garden and burn up the rubbish.

Inspector Tom visited the schools the past week.

Geo. McKay, J. P., of Wingham, was in town Friday last.

Miss Saults returned from a visit to Stratford on Monday.

Mr and Mrs E. C. Russell left town yesterday for the north.

R. W. McKenzie returned Saturday last from a business trip east.

The watering cart made its first spring appearance on Monday.

A meeting of Huron Chapter, No 30, will be held next Tuesday night.

A. M. Kay, the obliging post-office assistant is holidaying in London.

Mr and Mrs R. H. Cozzens, formerly of Goderich, are now resident in Sarnia.

Mr Loftus E. Dancey, barrister, of Seaforth, was in town on Thursday of last week.

Judson Truax occupied Victoria st. church pulpit very acceptably morning and evening.

J. A. Morton, barrister, of Wingham, was attending to business at the court-house Friday.

James Stretton, sr., of the Queen's, Brussels, one of the old pioneers of that section, was in town Monday last.

W. F. & A. Smith advertise this week for a large quantity of hemlock bark to be delivered at the Goderich tannery.

John Whyte, of Mitchell, well and favorably known to many Goderich residents, was a passenger on the United Empire Friday last.

Dr McDonagh will be in Goderich for consultation on Saturday the 7th of May, and afterwards on the first Saturday of every month.

H. M. Reynolds, of Brantford, formerly of the Bank of Commerce, Goderich, has been in town during the week visiting old acquaintances.

J. C. Detlor of Clinton, was in town Thursday to vote for the three bylaws.

M. Raymond, piano forte tuner and repairer for Mason & Risch, Toronto, will be in Goderich this week. Orders may be left with Dr Whitely.

A NEW COAT.—The British Exchange has been going through the painters' hands recently, and now presents a rejuvenated appearance.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the town council for the transaction of regular business will be held this (Friday) evening.

PRESENTED.—Mrs Toms was in Toronto during the week. and was one of the favored few who were present at the Governor-General's reception.

REMOVAL.—P. Holt, barrister has removed from the rectory, and has taken possession of the residence formerly occupied by Mrs W. D. Shannon.

BOY WANTED.—A smart, intelligent boy wanted, about fifteen years of age, to learn the printing business. To begin at once. Apply at THE SIGNAL.

SEASONABLE.—The latest fashionable decree is that strawberries must be eaten with a fork and never with a spoon. How about eating them with a mouth.

CHANGED HANDS.—Colin Campbell has purchased from A. M. Polley the house situated on the corner of West and Wellington-st. north side, for $600.

RHUBARB. — The festive rhubarb, which bridges over the hiatus between the last of the preserves and the first of the small fruits, has made its appearance. Nuff sed.

Dr. M. Nicholson, the West street dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

REPAIRING PLANKWALKS.—Quite a number of new planks have been laid around the square and on West st, during the past week. In some places the repairing was badly needed.

OFF TO THESSALON.—Tom Swartz, the livery man, went to Thessalon on the J. N. Carter Saturday last. It's one of his ways of taking holidays, and he takes a full measure of enjoyment out of it.

THEY HAVE NO FRIENDS.—The English sparrow is no longer protected as an insectivorous bird that may not be killed. The average small boy may now scalp as many as he chooses without prosecution.

HE FAVORED THE BYLAWS.—Ex-reeve Young, of Colborne, who is a property owner in Goderich, drove into town Thursday, to vote for the three by-laws. He says he wants to make a spoon or spoil a horn.

A PROVINCIAL HOLIDAY.—Among the provisions of the Act for further improving the law passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature is one including Dominion Day in the list of public holidays of the Province.

GONE TO THE SAULT.—John Doyle, of the Park House, left for Sault St. Marie, Friday last, on the United Empire. We understand he is about to purchase a hotel at that port, and will enter upon the business at once.

NOTIFY US.—Subscribers of THE SIGNAL who do not receive the paper regularly will confer a favor upon us by leaving word at this office. We want to see that every subscriber to THE SIGNAL receives full value for his money.

RECEPTION SERVICE—Next Sabbath morning a public reception service will be held in North st Methodict church, when those persons who united with the church on probation three months ago will be received into full membership.

HE TOOK OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. John McGillivray, of Montreal, who is visiting his parents in town, took the outside appointments in connection with Knox church last Sunday. He will remain in town about three weeks more.

Not a bad suggestion comes from the Peterborough *Examiner* which says: "It would be a graceful as well as a lasting memorial of her majesty's jubilee year if every citizen planted a jubilee tree this spring for every member of his family."

WILL OCCUPY THE PULPIT.—Rev. Mr McCosh, of Wingham, will occupy St George's pulpit Sunday next, morning and evening. The rev. gentleman is a good preacher, and is a general favorite in Goderich with members of all denominations.

STRUCK A "BRIGHT."—W. B. Dickson, barrister, formerly of Brussels, was in town last week on his way to Montana, where he has a big interest in real estate. His many friends in this section will be pleased to learn of his success in his undertaking.

THE MILL ELEVATOR.—The outside frame work of the Big Mill elevator has been entirely rebuilt, and is now in a condition for heavy work. The timber of the old frame was very much decayed, so that the repairs recently effected were an absolute necessity.

C. O. FORESTERS' ANNUAL SERMON.—Rev. Mr McCosh, will preach the annual services to Foresters at 3,30 o'clock p. m. in St George's church. The Brethren of Court Goderich will assemble at the hall at 2,30 o'clock, and march to the church in a body.

CONTINUED ILLNESS. — Rev. G. R. Turk was unable to occupy the pulpit of North-st. Methodist church Sunday last owing to continued illness. Services were conducted in the morning and evening by Rev. Hamilton Wigle, a Victoria College, Cobourg, student.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The principal event at the last meeting of the board of public school trustees was the appointment of constable Yule as truant officer. Since the appointment the registered average has increased, and the "hookey-player" has almost become an extinct species.

THE HARBOR BAR.—We have been informed that the G.T.R. authorities at Montreal have written to their agent at Goderich station, asking if the mouth of the harbor was in such a safe condition as to admit of grain-laden vessels from Chicago entering the port, as the G.T.R. contemplate running their elevator at full pressure during the present season. Owing to the fact that the dredge has not yet made its appearance the agent had to report that at present it would not be safe for strange vessels heavily laden to attempt to enter.

A LOT OF SHINGLES.—During the past few weeks J. C. Martin, of the Colborne hotel, has been engaged in shingling his barns, driving sheds and a portion of the hotel. Over 160 bundles of shingles were used in the operation, and there is a portion of the lot that has not yet been shingled.

PROPERTY CHANGED HANDS.—W. G. Smith has disposed of a portion of his lot on Nelson st., 70ft front, to C. L. McIntosh for the sum of $300. We understand the latter intends to erect a handsome brick residence on the lot. There are a number of good houses in that section of the town.

THE MEN OF '37.—We observe that Patrick Purcell, M.P., for Glengarry has given notice of an application for scrip or land for the veterans of '37. We have some of the old warhorses in this section, who will willingly hold up the hands of the member for Glengarry, if he requires assistance in his undertaking.

THE PROGRAM ADOPTED.—At a meeting of the committee of management for the Caledonian games held Friday evening last the list of events submitted by the program committee was adopted. The list totals up some $500 in hard cash, and is by all odds the best inducement to athletes ever offered in this section.

A G. T. R. ENGINE OFF THE TRACK.—An engine ran off the track near the harbor on Monday afternoon. The mishap was caused by some person interfering with the switch. An auxiliary was telegraphed for to Stratford, and on its arrival the engine and tender were placed on the rails again after about two hours' hard work.

MORE ADVICE.—A rather too previous exchange says: "Don't be too soon about it, that is, about discarding your flannels. "One swallow doesn't make a summer," and one or two warm spring days are not a sufficient excuse for running any risks with your health. Wait till the flowers venture out in the fullness of their bloom."

C. O. F. INSTALLED.—At the last regular meeting of Court Goderich No. 32, C. O. F., the following officers were duly installed:—W. F Pridham, C. R; R. Fullford, V. C. R.; R. R. Rines, Chap.; T. Sneyd, T. S; W. McCreath, R. S; C. C. Crabb, T.; J. Nicholson, S. W.; R. Gillion, J. W.; W. L. Pennington, S. B.; J. Stewart, J. B.;

PASSED HIS FINAL EXAMINATION.—Reginald Shannon has arrived home from the Medical College, Toronto. Thursday he received a telegram from Toronto informing him that he had been successful in passing his final examination. This is all the more creditable owing to the fact that Reg. crowded two courses into one year of study. We extend our congratulations to young Dr Shannon.

GONE TO HIS REST.—Rev. John Turner, well known to many of our readers, died last week at his residence, Auburn, after a short illness. The deceased was stricken with paralysis a few years ago, but recovered sufficiently to be able to attend to pulpit work, which he kept at to the last. He was a good man, stuck to his post and died in harness. His wife and family have the heartfelt sympathy to all who knew him.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE PATENT DECISION.—The Minister of Agriculture has again decided in favor of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and rules that its three Edison patents are valid. The petition of the Montreal parties against these patents was dismissed on 7th inst. This settles the question of patents on transmitters, and is the most important victory ever gained by the Company in this country.

THE CATAPAULT NUISANCE.—A number of the younger lads of our town are the proud possessors of that dangerous plaything, the catapault, and to the use of the same dangerous stone-thrower is due the breaking of so many of the windows in vacant houses throughout the town. In neighboring towns the authorities are moving to abate this nuisance, and we think an effort should be made to frown it down in Goderich.

THE BAIRD COMBINATION.—Robt. H. Baird has been playing at the Grand Opera House during the week to fair audiences. He has a good company with him, and what he puts on the boards is well placed. This time of the year the attractions outside militate somewhat against indoor performances. One thing is certain, "Bob" Baird will get his share of any patronage that is going. Go up and see him tonight.

CHOLERA RECIPE.—The following is a celebrated cholera mixture, which every one in the summer months should have at hand:—"Take equal parts of tincture of cayenne, tincture of opium, tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint, and spirits of camphor. Mix well. Dose, 15 to 30 drops in a wineglass of water, according to age and violence of attack. Repeat every fifteen or twenty minutes until relief is obtained."

CONTRACT LET.—The warden's committee and the road and bridge inspector were in town Monday last to open tenders and let the contract for the erection of Help's bridge, East Wawanosh, which had been destroyed by the recent freshet. The tenders ranged from $2,700 down to $2,200. The contract was awarded to Wm. Kincaid, of Wingham, at the figure of $2,270, and the work of construction will be begun at once.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.—R. B. Scott, formerly of Carlow, now of Seaforth, was in this section during the week, visiting friends. He was accompanied by Mrs Scott and two children. Both of the children had been ailing for some time, and Mr Scott drove them up to the lake shore to give them the benefit of the invigorating breeze. The many friends of Mr Scott in this section were pleased to see him again. He is now agent of the Confederation Life.

SIZING 'EM UP.—The Beeton World man has a level head and proves it when he says: Some men are so dastardly mean that there should be a law for their extermination. The meanest and most detestable is the man who will take a paper for four or five months and then refuse to pay for it. On the *World's* list there are just seven of these and if they don't come to the front with their money within two weeks, we will advertise them at our own expense.

COMMITTED FOR LARCENY.—Two girls named Christiana McDonald and Bessie Martin were arrested early in the week, charged with stealing goods from Mrs. Macara and Mrs. Pasmore. The girls had been employed at Mrs. Pasmore's and Mrs. Macara and two daughters had boarded in the same place. The girls, it seems had taken to pilfering and had paid attentions to the goods of the ladies named. When brought before his worship the mayor, they both pleaded guilty and were committed for trial.

REPAIRS AT THE STATION.—The railway station is receiving a thorough overhauling at the hands of the painters and kalsominers, and, when the work is completed, will be quite improved, as it is about five years since it was spruced up before. The station, however, is not in keeping with the town, or the amount of business done, and the next time the G. T. R. authorities undertake to improve the edifice it's to to be hoped they will fix it like Paddy did his gun—by getting a new lock, stock and barrel. The old station doesn't owe the company a cent.

WEST HURON TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The semi-annual institute meeting of the teachers of West Huron, will be held at Exeter, on Thursday and Friday, June 9th and 10th, 1887, beginning each day at nine o'clock. Wm. Houston, M.A., Parliamentary Librarian, has been appointed by the Department to act as Director, and he will deliver a lecture on Thursday evening, on "Educational Maxims," the lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Choice music may also be expected. By regulation *all* the teachers of the division are expected to be present.

A NEW PERIODICAL.—The Grip Publishing Company, of Toronto, have commenced the publication of a new monthly periodical, entitled GRIP'S OWN LIBRARY. The first number is made up of "Good Things from *Grip*," being comic pictures and comic reading selected from the pages of *Grip*. It is printed on the finest calendered paper, and, at the price of ten cents, is a credit to the publishers, and will no doubt meet with a very large sale. The second number will be entitled, "Jubilee Jollities," is being prepared in anticipation of an enormous sale.

LAWN TENNIS.—The improvements on the grounds of the lawn tennis club at the lighthouse are now complete. The court, which is 90 x 45 feet, has been made level and the sod all relaid. It is expected to be in condition for playing about the middle of this month. This game seems to be very popular here at present, judging from the interest manifested by the members of the club and other private parties, who have gone to much expense fn providing such excellent accommodation. We expect to hear of several matches being played this season with outside clubs.

SETTING OUT TREES.—The chairman of public works stated at the meeting of the town council Friday evening that during the past few weeks the street inspector had brought in about two hundred hardy young trees for planting, and that these trees had been given to persons who had expressed a desire to have trees planted in front of their residences. During the present week, we understand, a number of other trees will be procured by the chairman of public works for a similar purpose, and an addition will be made to the trees and shrubs already on the Square.

COMMITTED.—Monday last Leonard Carley, of Exeter was brought to jail charged with stealing a horse. It is alleged that he went into the country about three miles from Exeter, broke into a stable and stole a horse. He then went back to Exeter, and after driving the horse around town, tethered the animal to a tree in his orchard in full view of his neighbors. It is further stated that Carley has met with financial losses of late which have unhinged his mind, and a medical man writing from Exeter states that the prisoner should be sent to a lunatic asylum instead of to a jail.

MUNICIPAL AMENDMENTS.—The bill amending the municipal act, which has just passed the Legislature, contains some very important changes from the old law. A municipal corporation which has been rendered liable for damages by reason of an obstruction or excavation in a highway placed or made by a person other than a servant of the corporation, shall have the right to recover such damages from the person whose wrongful act or neglect occasioned them. At present a corporation is without redress. This bill empowers a municipality adjoining one in which a free library has been established to grant aid to such library.

HE'S A JUMPER, TOO.—John McPherson, of Kintail, the stone putter, now a resident of Winnipeg, recently won $40 by jumping three standing jumps. The money was placed against him that he could not jump 33 feet in three standing jumps. He won by jumping 33 feet 7 inches. He has written to inform the secretary of the Goderich Caledonian games that he will be in our town to take part in the demonstration, and will be open to compete in putting the stone with Harrison, McColl, Currie or any other man in America for $500 a side. John is one of the few Ontarions who have gone to Winnipeg and not been "downed."

THE NEW LIBEL LAW.—The amendments to the law of libel which were passed at the recent session of the Ontario Legislature will put the newspaper on a higher footing and will greatly improve its position. While the new law does not in the least remove publishers from the consequences of wilful and malicious untruth, it does give them protection against malicious, vexations, trumpery, vindictive and blackmailing suits. The provisions of the new law in brief are these:—Newspapers are to be allowed an opportunity to correct mis-statements, and if they do correct them actual damages are only to be recovered. As to public meetings, reports of which are privileged, the definition of "public meetings" is extended so as to include all public meetings to which the public are invited and of which public notice is given. Reports of all Court proceedings are to be privileged. Security for costs is to be given in certain cases. Cases are to be tried where the newspaper is published or where the plaintiff lives unless a judge directs otherwise.

LIFEBOAT HOIST.—James Strachan, formerly of Goderich, but of late years mechanical superintendent of a section of the great New York viaduct, now in course of construction, has been in town during the week. He is erecting a boat hoist, of which he is patentee, at the life boat house. Mr Strachan has recently invented a rock-drill which bids fair to bring a fortune to him. It is regulated by a new movement, and is covered by three patents in the interest of Mr Strachan. Two of these drills are now employed in the construction work of the New York viaduct, and have proved far superior to all other implements of a similar nature.

HORSE BREEDING IN CANADA.—We are in receipt of a pamphlet on horsebreeding, from Hon. John Carling. The pamphlet consists of a letter from Col. Ravenhill, purchaser of horses for Government for the R. A., (and is signed by Col. Phillips and Thomas Matthews, B. 1st class, Royal Horse Guards), on the conditions afforded by Canada for the supply of horses for the cavalry service of England. The pamphlet also contains an address by Col. Ravenhill to the horse breeders of England. The Canadian Minister of Agriculture has published the work for distribution in Canada, in view of the interest and importance of the information contained in the letter and address.

A PASTOR RE-INVITED.—The following from the Stratford *Herald* refers to a young clergymen well-known in Goderich and vicinity: A meeting of the quarterly official board of the Waterloo-st. Methodist church was held Monday night, when a hearty invitation was extended to the pastor, Rev. J. T. Legear, to remain for another year, which was accepted, subject to the decision of the conference stationing committee. Rev. Mr Legear has been in charge for the past seven months, in which time the membership has increased and the financial standing of the congregation much improved. The pastor, who is a probationer, will be ordained into the Methodist ministry next month.

"WHY AND WHEREFORE."—We have received from A. J. Taylor, Toronto, the travelling passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul R.R., a tastefully bound and well printed little work with the title "Why and Wherefore." The Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul R R Co., has endeavored to save the enquiring mind the trouble of much research, and has published in the little work before us many reasons why various facts exist. While this publication is, in a measure, an advertising medium for the railway company, that fact does not detract from its value. Copies will be sent free to any address by enclosing ten cents in postage to A. V. H. Carpenter, general passenger agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE ETHIOPIAN HIDE.—A person by the name of Brown, of unsavory repute in this section, is thus referred to by the Lindsay *Post*, in a recent issue:—"We have a communication regarding the disgraceful conduct of Tory speaker named Brown at O'Neil's school house during the campaign. He was under the influence of liquor and interrupted Mr. J. Conmee, M.P.P., several times, and was so insulting that he would have been pitched out of the room but for the efforts of the gentleman he had so badly treated. The people at O'Neil's are respectable and law abiding and they don't want their meetings disgraced by tramps of the Brown stripe. Brown's stock-in-trade is slander and blackguardism, and he was brought into the riding to ply his avocation."

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The new board of directors met on Wednesday evening. Thos. Weatherald, the president elect in the chair. Directors present—Murney, Sharman, Reed, Spence, Foot and Naftel, Committees for the following departments were struck: Book, finance, lectures and classes and reading room. The board resolved to stop the circulation of the books for a short time, for the purpose of having a thorough stock-taking. Due notice will be given the members of the time and duration of the suspension of issue. The reading room will also be closed for a day or two shortly, for the purpose of having the ceilings and walls kalsomined and other necessary cleaning done. The secretary was instructed to make application to the council for the usual grant, and to send in a detailed statement of the affairs of the Institute for their information.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIBRARY.—The number of volumes in the library of Goderich Mechanics' Institute is about 2,020. The circulation has been as follows:—Biography, 54; fiction, 1,062; history, 78; miscellaneous, 100; periodical literature, 33; poetry and drama, 23; religious literature, 28; science and art, 92; voyages and travels, 27; works of reference are not taken out, but are frequently referred to. Total number taken out, 1,770. On the tables are to be found 2 dailies, 10 weeklies—7 illustrated weeklies and 2 scientific papers, monthlies 17. The librarian, Hugh Hamilton, closed his annual report as follows:—I have no complaint to make regarding the conduct of those who visit the reading room, but rather have to give praise for good conduct where so many young persons get together. I have also to state that I am much indebted to Mr Foot for putting in proper order the books on shelves.

PROFITS OF THE TELEPHONE BUSINESS.—In reference to an item which appeared in several Canadian papers last week, calling attention to the receipts and expenses of the "The Bell Telephone Company," (which naturally was taken by the Canadian public to refer to the telephone business here), the Vice-President of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada writes to say that the Company meant is the American Bell Telephone Co. of Boston, and that the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada is an entirely different concern, having no interest in the American Company, but owning its own patents and operating its own exchanges and lines, and that the dividends of the Canadian Company, since its organization seven years ago, have not averaged over five per cent. per annum. Even the business of the American Co. was not correctly stated in the item mentioned above, the expense, according to its last annual statement, having been nearly a million dollars more than the amount stated.

THE UNITED EMPIRE.—The first of the Beaty line arrived in port Friday morning at 8 30, and left for Kincardine shortly after 6 p.m. She was heavily laden with freight and had a cabin list of 75 passengers, and a steerage complement of 85—the latter were mostly navvies for Reid & Isbister, the railway contractors. The Empire is officered this season as follows:—Capt., Ed. Robertson, 1st mate, Neil Campbell; 2d mate, Wm Kennedy, stewart, H. P. Flack; engineer, Jas Brown; 2d engineer, Wm McGee; purser, G. R King. When she left Goderich harbor she had a freight of over 800 tons and some 60 head of horses, the latter being all for Reid & Isbister. The boat has been refitted and re-carpeted this season, and is quite palatial in appearance. She carries a fine quadrille band, and every arrangement has been made for giving the fullest satisfaction to passengers.

WHY IS THIS THUSLY?—A contemporary asks. Can any man tell us why it is that when so many men want credit, they trade at home, and when they pay cash they go away. We have noticed a good many times that the man who takes a Toronto paper, pays for it in advance, while his home paper goes delinquent, as though it was an accomodation to the publisher to send it to him year after year for nothing. We have noticed that merchants who grudgingly give small orders for printing at home, and then expect to have the bill traded out, will give large orders to canvassers for city offices and pay cash for the same without a murmer. We have noticed that men and women who owe large dry goods bills at home, go abroad and pay cash down for what they get. We have noticed that when men wish to buy a wagon, drag or plow, they generally pay cash down to agents, while their friend or neighbor is obliged to wait for a more convenient season. We think this is all wrong. We ought to be just to those who have been accommodating to us, before we are generous to those we do not know.

THE POLICE MAGISTRACY.—There were about fifty representatives at the meeting of the Scott Act Association of Huron which met at Clinton Tuesday last, to take steps toward the nomination of a police magistrate for the county. D. D. Wilson occupied the chair. Six names were submitted to the meeting, viz., Dr Williams, of Clinton, Andrew Govenlock, of McKillop, J. Wanless, of Varna, Geo. McKay, of Wingham, Thos. Strachan, of Grey, and R. H. Collins, of Exeter. On the second ballot Dr Williams secured more than a majority of the meeting, and his nomination was made unanimous. It was determined to submit his name to the Government for approval. A resolution was passed, recommending that the Ontario Government pay reasonable travelling expenses to inspectors in Scott Act ridings, where such are incurred in the discharge of their duty. Votes of thanks were passed to the Inspectors in the West and South Ridings for the faithful discharge of their duties, and the East Riding Inspector was hauled over the coals for failing to perform his, after which the convention closed.

HE DOWNS THEM ALL.—The following from a Winnipeg paper refers to a former resident of Kintail:—"Yesterday at 15.30 o'clock McPherson and Taylor had their contest at putting the 14lb shot. Before the match bets were freely offered at 2 to 1 on McPherson's winning, with no takers. When the men appeared on the ground McPherson's magnificent physique seemed to indicate that his smaller antagonist would be vanquished, and so it proved. Taylor had the first throw, and made 40 feet 1½ inches. McPherson followed, with 40.11. Then Taylor put the iron sphere 41.9. Next Mac. stepped forward with an 'I'll get there this time, sure,' smile, and made a record of 45.7½. Taylor looked disheartened on coming up for the third trial, his last chance; and plunged a futile shot forward of but 41.7. This gave the purse of $50 to Mac., who had but to beat the "blacksmith" 2 ft. in order to win under the articles of agreement. This is the fourteenth consecutive victory for McPherson at this style of game, and evidenced, as he has frequently assured Winnipeggers, that he always goes in to win. A fair crowd was present.

OBITUARY.—The following, from the *Northern Ensign*, published in Wick, Caithness, Scotland, refers to the death of a nephew of our townsman, George Sw[illegible]. Deceased visited Goderich in 1866, and was here during the Fenian excitement in that year, the guest of his uncle:—We regret to record this week the death of Mr James Noble, jun., a man in the prime of life, which took place on Friday last. Mr Noble was of a genial disposition and most obliging manner, and was well known and greatly liked by a wide circle of acquaintances. He had much taste for the study of natural history, in which he was a very close and intelligent observer. For some time he had charge of the river Wick, and considerably increased the salmon and trout stock of its waters by his judicious oversight. Besides being a keen and excellent rod fisher, he had a knowledge equal to Izaak Walton himself of the ways of fresh water fish, and of the baits and flies and other lures suited to their tastes at all seasons and in all weathers. In connection with rod fishing, he had for some years supplied sportsmen and the trade with dyed wools and other materials for the mounting of flies, &c. Mr Noble was also secretary of our local Ornithological Society, a position for which he was well fitted both from business capacity and practical acquaintance with bird life. The late successful show held by the Caithness Ornithological Society was in no small measure due to his enthusiasm in the matter. To cold then caught, acting on a constitution not over robust, his death was in some measure due. Although of a retiring disposition, the deceased had on various other occasions taken an active part in affairs of local interest. Much sympathy is felt for his respected father, who has had severe family bereavement of late.

A valuable lead mine was discovered in the township of Waltham, Pontiac county.

The name of Roxboro station on the Canada Atlantic Railway has been changed to Moose Creek.